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YAGYU JUBEI DIES (III)
TIME IS WILL

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A WORLD WHERE SHINOBI RULE, WITH THE NINJA TOKUGAWA IEYASU AS THEIR SHOGUN!

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A WORLD ENTIRELY UNLIKE OUR OWN
WHERE GROTESQUE FLYING MACHINES FLY TO AND FRO!
THE OTHER EDO PERIOD!
PLEASE, LET US SEE JA'AMI!
THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE
THEY ARE INVADING OUR EDO PERIOD
CHIKUAMI HERE AND I HAVE SEEN IT WITH OUR OWN EYES
I KNOW YOU KNOW I LIKE TALL TALES, BUT REALLY, ANOTHER EDO PERIOD?
HAH HAH! YOU'RE LAYING IT ON A BIT THICK, JUBEI!

YOU WANT I ACCEPT THAT AS IEMITSU!?
BE SILENT, JUBEI!
YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THEIR TOKUGAWA IEMITSU WITH YOUR OWN EYES!
IT'S NO JOKE!
THAT WOULD BE A GRAVE INSULT TO THE TOKUGAWA, MY MOTHER'S BIRTH FAMILY!*
*TSUKINOWAONOMIYA'S MOTHER, TOKUGAWA MASAKO WAS THE DAUGHTER OF TOKUGAWA HIDETADA
I'M SAYING HE'S IEMITSU FROM THEIR WORLD!
I'M NOT SAYING HE BELONGS TO OUR WORLD'S TOKUGAWA FAMILY!
YOUR HIGHNESS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK TO GAIN WITH SUCH FASLES!?
SILENCE, JUBEI!

PLEASE, TAKE CARE...
AND DON'T STAND THERE EAVESDROPPING! LEAVE US!
NOTHING IS WRONG!
AH...!
WHEW
WHAT I TOLD YOU IS ALL I KNOW
WHETHER YOU UNDERSTAND OR NOT,
TELL ME SO I CAN UNDERSTAND
JUBEI, I KNOW YOU AREN'T THE JOKING TYPE
TRY THINKING OF IT LIKE THIS...
IF I MAY HAVE A MOMENT...
WHAT IS THIS OTHER EDO PERIOD!?
THEN YOU KNOW NOTHING!

THE ART OF NOH THAT WE PRACTICE,
IS AN ART THAT TRANSCENDS TIME; IT INVITES THE MASSES INTO THE PAST
WE NOH PLAYERS TRAIN EVERY DAY IN SEARCH OF THAT MASTERY
IT IS CONSIDERED MASTERED WHEN ONE IS ABLE TO INVITE THE AUDIENCE INTO THAT WORLD — THE WORLD OF THE PAST
FOR EXAMPLE, SUPPOSE I RETURNED TO THE WORLD OF THE PAST,
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE CREATE A NEW WORLD!
AND YET — I EXIST HERE AND NOW
IF I DID THAT —
AND KILLED MY OWN FATHER IN HIS YOUTH
I WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN BORN!
THERE'S ALSO A WORLD WHERE YOU DIDN'T —
BUT,

INTO A WORLD WHERE MY FATHER AND I EXIST,
AND ONE WHERE WE DO NOT!
THE MOMENT MY FATHER DIES BEFORE GIVING ME LIFE THE WORLD SPLITS
RIGHT!
WE MAY SIMPLY HAPPEN TO BE PASSENGERS ON THE SHIP OF THIS WORLD'S TIME!
THE WORLD AND THE TIMES CONTAIN THE POTENTIAL TO GENERATE MANY SUCH WORLDS!
AND THE TOKUGAWA HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH WHY IT DID
YES
THEN, THE OTHER EDO PERIOD IN A WORLD THAT BRANCHED OFF AT SOME POINT?

TO SOLVE THAT MYSTERY, WE MUST GO TO THE PAST!
WHY DID THE TOKUGAWA BECOME NINJA?

AAAAAH!!

HOW IS IEMITSU'S CONDITION?
MY LORD,
HIS RIGHT EYE IS...

LORD HIDE-TADA!
WE WON'T DEFEAT YAGYU JUBEI BY SENDING NINJA WITHOUT A PLAN

HEH HEH...
SO BE IT!
CHILDREN WHO TALK BIG ARE IN FOR A BAD TIME

HOW DO YOU FEEL, IEMITSU?
NO NEED TO WORRY. IT'S MERELY...
FATHER...
JUBEI IS MINE TO KILL! I WON'T LET ANYONE ELSE INTERVENE!
PLEASE, WAIT!
WE'LL HANDLE JUBEI
DON'T FORCE YOURSELF.
YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITHOUT THE AMBITION TO SNATCH JUBEI OUT FROM UNDER MY NOSE AND GET FATHER TO MAKE YOU THE NEXT SHOGUN
OH, I DO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL...
BUT I THINK THIS WILL BENEFIT YOU!
YOU SHOULD LAY STILL.
LET ME FIGHT JUBEI JUST ONE MO-
GLH!

BUT NEITHER YOU NOR SASAKI KOJIRO CAN DO MUCH IN YOUR CONDITION.
YOU MAY DESIRE A BATTLE
MIYA-MOTO TAKEZO!
I SUPPOSE YOU MUST BE NOSTALGIC FOR WHEN YOU WERE CALLED JAPAN'S MIGHTIEST!
SWORD MASTER OR NO, YOU WERE NO MATCH FOR YAGYU JUBEI
DEPENDING ON JUBEI'S MOVEMENT.
WE MAY BRING THE FULL BRUNT OF OUR WARSHIP TO BEAR, AND BRING HIM DOWN FOR CERTAIN THIS TIME
WAIT!! JUBEI IS MINE!

GWOOO

YAGYU
JUBEI
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JUBEI
!!!
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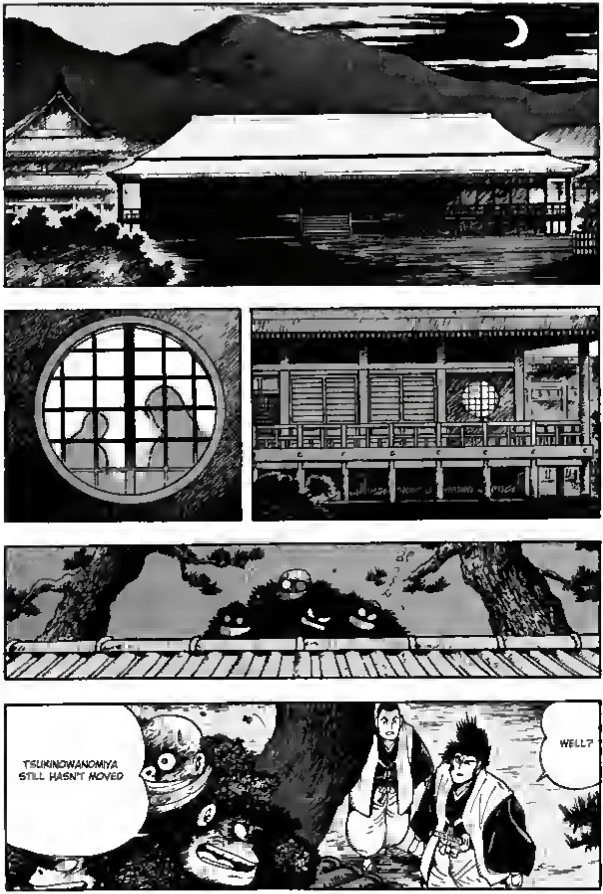
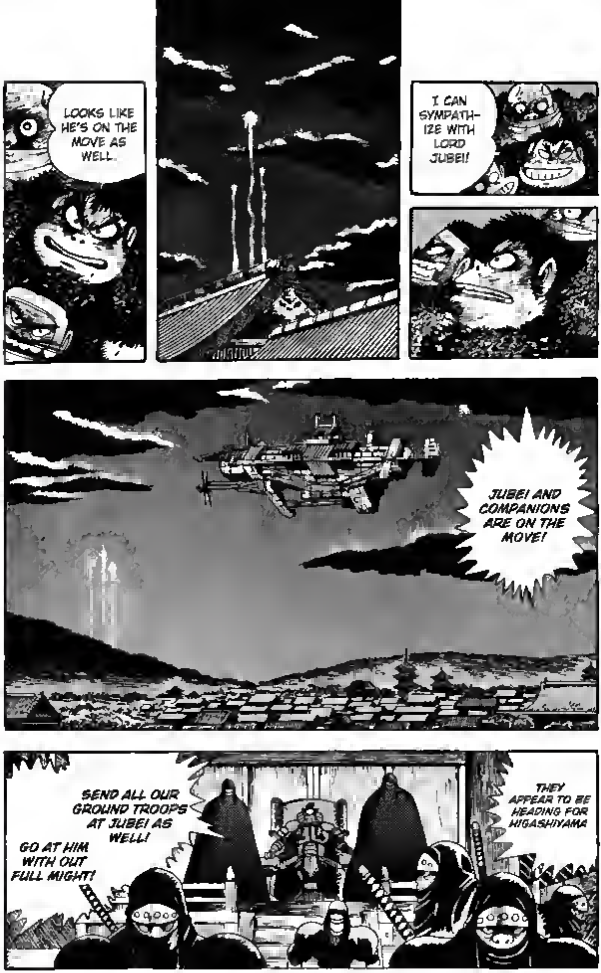

TSUKINOWANOMIYA STILL HASN'T MOVED
WELL?

BEST SHE DO THINGS DISCREETLY
SHE IS THE FORMER EMPRESS
SHE CAN BE A BIT TRYING
SHE COULD HAVE JUST TOLD US WHERE SIR JA'AMI IS
HMPH!
WHAT IS SHE DOING? IT'S ALREADY PAST THE TIME WE AGREED
EVEN IF YOU KNOW WHERE JA'AMI IS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIM WITHOUT ME

TSUKINO-WANOMIYA! THOSE CLOTHES!
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN REACH HIM.
WE HAVE A SHADOW ARMY OF OUR OWN!
A UNIFORM FOR FIGHTING IN THE SHADOWS, PASSED DOWN FROM MY ANCESTORS
YOUR HIGHNESS NEED ONLY DEIGN TO GUIDE US TO SIR JA'AMI'S LOCATION.
WHAT'S "FINE" ABOUT IT?
NOW WE'LL BE FINE, EVEN IF THERE'S AN ENEMY ATTACK.
I AM ALREADY INVOLVED!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WE CAN'T INVOLVE YOUR HIGHNESS IN THIS AFFAIR ANY FURTHER!

MEIO NINPO! SHADOW HERON!
MY SHADOW !!
A LOVELY NINPO!
WHAT'S IN THE ROOM?
WHAT PART OF THAT IS NINPO, PRECISELY?
I OFTEN USE IT TO GO BOATING!
LET'S GO! DON'T FALL BEHIND, JUBEI!
TSUKINO-WANOMIYA!


LOOKS LIKE HE'S ON THE MOVE AS WELL.
I CAN SYMPATH-IZE WITH LORD JUBEI!
JUBEI AND COMPANIONS ARE ON THE MOVE!
SEND ALL OUR GROUND TROOPS AT JUBEI AS WELL!
GO AT HIM WITH OUT FULL MIGHT!
THEY APPEAR TO BE HEADING FOR HIGASHIYAMA

IS JA'AMI IN THAT TOWER?

HARD PART'S YET TO COME, JUBEI!
HUH?
YOUR HIGH-NESS, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR TOWER.
WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE
WHA !?

IT'S JA'AMI'S WORLD FROM HERE ON!

A HAUNT OF DEMONS; NO ONE WHO GOES IN CAN EXPECT TO COME OUT AGAIN!